7. (Twice Amended) The method for cutting an optical fiber according to Claim 5, wherein said cutting blade is moved by using an optical fiber cutting apparatus including said cutting blade, a cutting blade holder configured to hold and to move said cutting blade to a cutting position, an optical fiber supporter configured to support the optical fiber such that said cutting blade is perpendicular to the optical fiber at the cutting position, a speed reducing device configured to reduce and to transmit drive force, and a drive force transmission device configured to transmit the drive force from said speed reducing device to said cutting blade holder.

8. (Twice Amended) The method for cutting an optical fiber according to Claim 7, wherein said drive force is provided by a motor.

9. (Twice Amended) The method for cutting an optical fiber according to Claim 8, wherein said speed reducing device comprises a plurality of speed reducing gears configured to reduce a rotational speed of said motor.

10. (Twice Amended) The method for cutting an optical fiber according to Claim 9, wherein said drive force transmission device comprises a cam configured to rotate along with a rotation of said plurality of speed reducing gears and a cam follower configured to move in a rectilinear direction along with a rotation of said cam.

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of the present application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2 and 5-10 are presently pending in this application, Claims 1 and 2 having